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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2003, the Applicant has amended Claims 1-3, 5-6, 11-24 and cancelled Claim 3. Reconsideration of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Official Action rejected Claims 1-6 and 11-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the Specification in such a way to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with it is most connected to make or use the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses. With respect to Claim 1, the Official Action apparently questions the amended language "said mobile station adapted to wirelessly communicate to an external network." Applicant believes that this is sufficiently disclosed in the Specification in both Figures 1 and 2 and the interconnection between the base station (112, 212) and the mobile station (105, 205). This is discussed in the substitute Specification beginning at page 6, line 22 - page 7, line 1 and page 8, line 1 - line 7. With respect to Claim 6, there is apparently difficulty with the additional language "in a router associated with said first number of interconnected hosts". Again, Applicant believes this is clearly disclosed in the Specification at Figure 2 illustrating the interconnection between router 204 and hosts 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and the discussion with respect thereto. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 6, and all claims dependent therefrom, are sufficiently disclosed in the Specification and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as

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the invention. Claim 23 has been amended to more particularly recite the invention. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-24 were rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Cisco reference in view of Eastmond et al. Claim 19 has been amended to more particularly recite Applicant's invention. Initially, Applicant notes that the method is recited with respect to a first host connected in a local area network and a second host connected in an external network. Nothing within either the Cisco or Eastmond et al. references recites method of communicating packet data between an external network and a mobile local area network. Claim 19 has been further amended to more particularly indicate that the generation by the first host in the mobile LAN, the locally defined network layer address, storing one or more globally defined network layer addresses and translating the locally defined network layer address generated by the first host in the mobile LAN into one of the stored globally defined network layer addresses. The recited references do not describe the generation of locally defined network layer addresses in a mobile local area network the storage of globally defined network layer addresses and the translation of globally defined network layer addresses into the globally defined network layer addresses to enable communication between the mobile local area network and the external network as recited in Applicant's Claim 19. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 19, and all claims dependent therefrom, are distinguishable from the art of record and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 11-18 and 19-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cisco in view of Klemets. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 6, amended to include limitations similar to those described in Claim 19, are distinguishable from the Cisco reference for similar reasons. Similarly, the Klemets reference does not overcome the

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shortcoming of Cisco, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 6, and all claims dependent therefrom, are distinguishable from the art of record and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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